

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1163 - SB 1111

March 7, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the state to provide five years of health benefits to any person granted exoneration by the Governor for a crime they did not commit.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent the Governor approves an exoneration application; the increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$8,600 in each of the next five years following the date of the exoneration.

Assumptions:

- Tenn. Code Ann. 40-27-109 authorizes the Governor to grant exoneration to any person whom the Governor finds did not commit a crime for which the person was convicted.
- Based on research by Fiscal Review staff, Governors grant exoneration in rare circumstances. Former Governor Bredesen exonerated two individuals from 2003 to 2011, and Governor Haslam has not approved any applications for exoneration thus far in his governorship.
- Based on information from the Department of Finance and Administration, the total cost for the health insurance premium for single coverage in FY16-17 under the current state health insurance plan is \$8,600. It is assumed that this amount will increase incrementally in future fiscal years.
- The state will not require exonerated individuals to pay toward their health insurance premium.
- It is unknown when, or if, the current Governor or future Governors of Tennessee will approve exoneration applications.
- If any Governor approves an exoneration application, the increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$8,600 in each of the next five fiscal years from the date of any such exoneration.

HB 1163 - SB 1111

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

/tdb